

18 October 1950

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MEMORANDUM FOR [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Separation Allowance

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1. [REDACTED] has by telephone requested an answer to the following question. An employee, grade GS-7, has a wife and two children and a third child on the way. Experience has shown that medical care in [REDACTED] may not be adequate by American standards. One employee has had to be sent home because of illness, and another sent his wife home to have her baby. Housing conditions are extremely difficult, both as to adequacy of quarters and as to the chance of obtaining quarters. The employee therefore proposes to leave his wife and children in the States until (a) the baby is born and old enough so that available medical care will be adequate, and (b) housing is obtained.

Query: Is it possible in the regulations to grant a separation allowance to the employee for this period?

Remarks:

1. If the employee merely preferred American medical care, it would be a personal choice and I assume there would be no granting of an allowance.

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2. If conditions are demonstrated to be completely inadequate in [REDACTED] so that he is more or less forced to his decision, I am not sure of the answer. [REDACTED] believes he can demonstrate that [REDACTED] medical care is completely inadequate. If allowance can be granted on these conditions, who makes the determination as to the conditions and as to the granting of allowances?

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